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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Medicaid extended postpartum coverage
2 option and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID EXTENDED POSTPARTUM COVERAGE
2 OPTION. The department of health and human services shall
3 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the centers for
4 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
5 of health and human services for approval of the option
6 to provide twelve months of continuous postpartum coverage
7 under the Medicaid program to pregnant women enrolled in the
8 Medicaid program in accordance with sections 9812 and 9822
9 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No.
10 117-2, as amended by section 5113 of the federal Consolidated
11 Appropriations Act of 2023.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 Under current federal law, pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries
18 are eligible for at least pregnancy-related services through
19 the end of the month in which the 60-day period beginning on
20 the last day of the pregnancy ends.

21 Provisions of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
22 (H.R. 1319) provide the option to states to submit a state
23 plan amendment to provide postpartum Medicaid coverage for 12
24 months after the end of a pregnancy for a five-year period. A
25 provision under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of
26 2023 removed the five-year limitation.

27 This bill requires the department of health and human
28 services (HHS) to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the
29 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
30 department of health and human services for approval of the new
31 option to provide 12 months of continuous postpartum coverage
32 under the Medicaid program to pregnant women enrolled in the
33 Medicaid program.

34 The bill takes effect upon enactment.